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Lt. General John A. Samford, USAF  
Director, National Security Agency  
Fort George G. Meade, Maryland

Dear Sammy:

I wish to thank you for your letter of 9 December 1959 dealing with the problem of [ ] and also to indicate my appreciation for your concern in this matter. I must point out however that there are certain assumptions in your letter with which I am not wholly in accord. These I should like to discuss with you at your convenience.

After the U.S.I.B. discussion and the decision over a year ago to proceed, under certain conditions, with the purchase, negotiations were subsequently initiated. An offer was made and after adjustments a general basis of agreement was reached. While a number of details remain to be ironed out the situation has reached a point where I do not feel that, in good faith, we can now withdraw if the other party insists on proceeding. In fact, to do so might well result in counter claims. Nevertheless, we appreciate your suggestion of the possibility of an alternate plan. If this proves to be of interest to [ ], we are prepared to explore this suggestion with him in consultation with you.

Sincerely,

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FILE NSM

SIGNED  
Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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Sincerely,

*W. Dulles*

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

*we appreciate your suggestion of*

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Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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